

SCOOBY-DOO AND GUESS WHO?
"HOLI MONSTER MAYHEM, SCOOBY-DOO!"
Ruh-roh! It's Mindy Kaling!

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COLD OPEN

EXT. CITY STREET - INDIA - NIGHT

Gathered with LOCALS, Amelia and Billy are in awe of a massive flaming pyre. Billy reads from a guidebook.

BILLY

It says, on the eve of Holi, Holika Dahan is meant to symbolize the victory of good over evil.

AMELIA

Stop reading and experience it.

She grabs his guidebook and tosses it into the fire.

BILLY

Amelia... that's the fourth one this trip.

She shrugs. Billy spots a nearby gift shop.

BILLY

I'll be back.

Amelia sighs as he runs off.

EXT. GIFT SHOP - MOMENTS LATER

Billy exits with a new guidebook, stashing his wallet in his fanny pack.

A heavy breathing causes Billy to look down a dark alley.

BILLY

Not again...

He hurries back to Amelia, the breathing only getting louder.

BILLY

A monster's following me.

AMELIA

What kind? Mummy? Werewolf? Some type of insect-human hybrid?

BILLY

I don't know... but it was breathing like [MIMICS BREATHING]

AMELIA
It's probably the wind.

Billy looks around. All the locals have left.

BILLY
Where'd everybody go?

AMELIA
They went to get ready for
tomorrow.

BILLY
It's kinda spooky being the only
ones here.

AMELIA
Spooky? What about this is spooky?

VRITRA, the massive serpent-like dragon of the *Rigveda*, rises over the flaming pyre. A colorful, dusty smoke billows out of him.

BILLY
That.

Vritra roars. Amelia and Billy scream as it lunges over the flames at them.

It grabs hold of Billy's fanny pack and rips it off as the pair make their escape.

END OF COLD OPEN

ACT ONE

INT. GIFT SHOP - DAY

Velma browses an assortment of t-shirts.

VELMA

This is so difficult...

Shaggy and Scooby walk up behind her, snacking on vadas (fried snacks, sort of similar to fritters/doughnuts).

SHAGGY

Like, what's the problem, Velma?

VELMA

I need a souvenir for my dad. My mom and Maddie were easy, but what do dads like?

SCOOBY

Mustaches.

SHAGGY

Just do what I do and get him something from the airport.

VELMA

No, I need to figure this out now or I'll worry the whole trip. Do you think they sell candelabras?

She wanders off.

DAPHNE

That's it!

Daphne approaches Shaggy and Scooby, scribbling in a crossword puzzle book.

DAPHNE

A medieval light source. [WRITING]
Candelabra.

SHAGGY

Didn't you finish that puzzle book on the plane?

DAPHNE

No, but I'm "forty-two across" it now. [WRITING] Annihilating.

SCOOBY

Need help?

Scooby leans over to look at the book, but Daphne quickly pulls it away.

DAPHNE

No! I can finish it!

Daphne hurries off, much to the pair's confusion. Shaggy itches his face.

SCOOBY

Fleas?

SHAGGY

I don't have fleas, Scoob. [THEN]
Not again.

MINDY (O.S.)

You made it!

MINDY KALING rushes over and hugs the duo.

SHAGGY/SCOOBY

Writer, producer, actress and
comedian, Mindy Kaling!

MINDY

Mystery solving monster unmaskers
and food experts, Shaggy Rogers and
Scooby-Doo! [LAUGHS] Where's the
rest of the gang?

Scooby points. Mindy turns to see Daphne deep in thought and pacing, and Velma at the front counter with DESH KAPOOR, the white-haired owner with a shiny gold watch and sturdy build.

MINDY

And Fred?

EXT. GIFT SHOP - SAME

Fred sits in an auto rickshaw, with an exhausted DRIVER.

FRED

You should see my baby. She's got a
real groovy paint job. [THEN] You
know, that might spruce this thing
up a bit. Some blues and greens,
maybe a couple flowers...

INT. GIFT SHOP - CONTINUOUS

Shaggy itches his face and Mindy takes a step back.

MINDY

Do you have fleas again?

SHAGGY

No! Why does everyone keep asking that?

Shaggy storms off. Scooby and Mindy share a look.

SCOOBY

I think he might.

Shaggy joins Velma at the front counter.

SHAGGY

Are you ready to go?

VELMA

Not until I get a candelabra.
[THEN] Or a pair of roller skates?
[THEN] Or maybe my dad would like a coat rack...

DESH

I have none of those things.

VELMA

None? What kind of gift shop is this? Are you trying to tell me nobody in India uses candles? That seems statistically impossible.

DESH

Excuse me, but this is the number one gift shop in the city. If a tourist wants souvenirs, they come here. [THEN] How would you like an "I Heart India" umbrella? Or a Taj Mahal keychain? [THEN] For Holi, I'm also offering several very unique colored powders. Cerulean, Goldenrod and Lilac.

DAPHNE

New Hampshire's state flower!
[WRITING] Lilac.

Daphne scribbles away in her puzzle book. Mindy and Scooby join Shaggy and Velma.

MINDY

I already have colors for us.

DESH

Suit yourself. But I don't have any of the nonsense your friend is asking for.

VELMA

They're not nonsense! Those are perfect dad gifts!

Mindy holds Velma back.

MINDY

Easy, psycho. [TO DESH] I'll get them out of your store.

DESH

But they haven't bought anything.

Mindy notices Desh's watch.

MINDY

You seem to be doing fine.

Desh hurriedly covers his watch with his sleeve.

SHAGGY

Like, Scoob and I will buy more of these doughnut things, if you have them.

DESH

Of course I've got vada--a--as...

His eyes go wide at the sight of Shaggy. Shaggy's face is extremely red and swollen.

DESH

What's wrong with your face?

SHAGGY

Sorry, I'm a messy eater. [WIPES FACE] Did I get it?

VELMA

I don't think that's what he meant, Shaggy.

MINDY

You look like you're having an allergic reaction.

SHAGGY

To what?

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - LATER

Shaggy sits as a DOCTOR reviews a chart. Mindy and the gang stand nearby.

DOCTOR

Must be something you ate.

SHAGGY

[LAUGHS] That's a good one, doc.
But seriously, what am I allergic
to?

DOCTOR

I'm not kidding. This looks very
much like a food allergy.

SHAGGY

No. That's not true. That's
impossible.

Scooby faints into Mindy's arms.

DOCTOR

It's nothing serious, it's --

SHAGGY

Nothing serious? Nothing serious!
Food has betrayed me, man!

VELMA

[TO DOCTOR] You should go.

Shaggy drops to his knees, screaming at the heavens.

SHAGGY

Why?

EXT. CITY STREET - LATER

Mindy and the gang walk past various storefronts, Scooby pushing Shaggy in a wheelchair. Shaggy looks like he's at death's door.

MINDY

Weird start to your visit, but I'm
still super excited to celebrate
Holi with you.

She pulls out a few bags of colored powders.

MINDY

It's a Hindu tradition to throw colored powders in the air and in each others' faces as part of the celebration. So I got some for each of you.

She passes the bags around. Daphne doesn't glance up from her book.

MINDY

Daphne?

DAPHNE

[TO SELF] Toronto nickname from pig fine... [THEN] Nobody tell me!

A rhesus macaque (MONKEY) steals Scooby's bag from his mouth.

SCOOBY

Hey! That's mine!

Scooby chases the monkey, but it runs up a drain pipe to a rooftop. Scooby barks at it. The monkey throws the bag down and it covers Scooby's face in yellow powder. The monkey laughs.

A deep breathing echos over the street.

MINDY

Sounds like you got some up your nose, Scooby.

Scooby blows out a cloud of dust. The breathing continues.

FRED

How much did you get up there?

SCOOBY

Wasn't me.

Vritra curves around a corner, roaring menacingly.

MINDY

Then it must've been him...

FRED

Run!

Everybody hurries away, Shaggy bolting from his wheelchair.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

EXT. CITY STREET - DAY

Mindy and the gang run as Vritra follows close behind. A colorful, dusty smoke billowing out of him.

EXT. MARKET - CONTINUOUS

They shove their way into a crowded marketplace where LOCALS are crammed in shoulder-to-shoulder. Looking back, they see Vritra one moment, but then the next he's gone.

Scooby pulls Shaggy aside to a dabeli stand.

SCOOBY

Look! Dabeli.

SHAGGY

[SIGHS] What's the point, Scoob?

Depressed, Shaggy drags himself away from the stand. Scooby looks concerned.

Vritra weaves through the crowd like a shark behind Mindy and the gang, before suddenly popping up in front of them. They scream and rush down an alley.

EXT. ALLEY - CONTINUOUS

Mindy and the gang grab a few bicycles and ride off. Vritra speeds after them.

EXT. STREETS - CONTINUOUS

Auto rickshaws, vehicles and other bicycles zoom by as they hurriedly pedal away from Vritra. The vehicles swerve to avoid the beast as it closes in on them.

Daphne abruptly skids to a stop, near a billboard for a convertible.

DAPHNE

Oh! Roofless transportation.

[WRITING] Convertible.

She scribbles into her puzzle book.

Mindy and the gang pedal by in the opposite direction. Vritra stops next to Daphne and taps her shoulder.

DAPHNE

Oh. Right.

She hurriedly pedals off after the others.

EXT. ALLEY - CONTINUOUS

Mindy and the gang ditch their bicycles and run inside a building.

INT. STAGE - MOMENTS LATER

A waterfall of flower petals transition the alley to an ornate courtyard set. A fountain rests in the center, surrounded by string lights, draped fabrics and flowers.

Vritra enters the courtyard in confusion. Music begins to play as a Bollywood dance number begins.

Mindy, Daphne and Velma are adorned in gold jewelry, wear ghagras (long skirts), cholis (blouses) and ghungroos (belled anklets). The guys wear dhotis.

Mindy and the gang pull Vritra into a series of ultra choreographed dances, complete with a large number of BACKUP PERFORMERS. Vritra is continually bounced around between the men and women's groups. Daphne's bumped and drops her puzzle book as Mindy and the gang start to dance their way out.

DAPHNE

My puzzles!

MINDY

Leave it.

They make their escape just before the climax of the song and dance. During the final pose, Vritra realizes only the backup dancers surround him and angrily roars. The dancers scatter.

EXT. CITY STREET - MOMENTS LATER

Mindy and the gang remove their Bollywood costumes as they walk along various storefronts.

SHAGGY

Like, if there was ever a time I wish I could eat, it would be now.

Scooby offers a box of Scooby Snacks.

SCOOBY
Scooby Snack?

SHAGGY
I can't. I'm allergic.

He somberly walks away.

SCOOBY
Not to everything!

FRED
That dragon sure didn't like us.
Did you see how it just ignored
everybody else to chase us?

DAPHNE
I don't think that was a dragon,
Freddy...

FRED
Then what was it?

DAPHNE
I don't know. [THEN] Velma?

VELMA
Don't look at me. I don't know what
it was either.

MINDY
I do.

GANG
You do?

MINDY
Vritra, the Hindu demon of drought.
He kept the waters of the world
captive until he was defeated. Not
really a nice dude. Also not alive.

FRED
A dead demon? Looks like we've got
a real mystery on our hands, gang.

MINDY
Or... a real mystery we can stick
somebody else with.

Scooby nudges the still depressed Shaggy.

SCOOBY
I like her.

INT. POLICE STATION - MOMENTS LATER

Crowded full of OFFICERS and CITIZENS, Mindy and the gang squeeze their way to the front desk. Mindy spots SWATI, a pint-size officer with a long braid, and flags her down.

MINDY
Swati! Swati!

SWATI
Mindy!

Swati swings open a door.

SWATI
It's good to see you! Come on back.
Get out of this crowd.

INT. SWATI'S OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

Mindy and the gang sit in Swati's office as she files a few papers.

SWATI
Vritra attacks? Can't say I've
heard anything about that.

VELMA
Nobody's reported a giant dragon
roaming the city?

SWATI
Not that I know of.

FRED
What about a demon?

SWATI
No, it's mostly been thefts. A lot
of tourists have reported being
robbed.

Scooby notices the monkey outside the window. It makes faces at him. Scooby rushes at the window and hits his head on it. The monkey laughs at him. Scooby growls. The monkey mocks him, pretending to be a dog. Scooby hates it.

FRED
Those could be related to the
monster.

SWATI

I'll have to ask around, but I supposed they could.

SHAGGY

Has anyone, like, reported being given a food allergy? Maybe from an evil chef or something.

SWATI

I don't think that's how allergies work.

There's a knock on the door as an OFFICER tosses ASHISH, a teenage "bad boy," into the room.

OFFICER

Thought you'd want to talk to him. He was trying to pickpocket a couple tourists. Had this on him.

He tosses Swati Daphne's puzzle book.

DAPHNE

My puzzle book!

SWATI

This is yours?

Daphne flips through it.

DAPHNE

Um, yeah, definitely. [THEN] Oh! Criminal stealing. [WRITING] Theft.

VELMA

That's strange. Daphne lost that when we were with Vritra.

Mindy grabs Ashish and shoves him against the wall.

MINDY

Tell us what you know about the demon!

ASHISH

What?

MINDY

Don't give me sass, kid. Talk!

ASHISH

You're crazy. I found that book in the street.

SWATI

Mindy, put him down. [TO ASHISH]
Wait outside.

As Ashish walks out, Mindy threateningly lunges at and startles him.

MINDY

I think he did it. He's Vritra.
There's guilt all over that baby
bad boy face.

SWATI

Ashish? No, he's a good kid, just
has some issues at home. [THEN]
Where'd you say you left Vritra?

VELMA

A giant dance studio. Had a really
ornate courtyard set. Lots of
backup dancers.

SWATI

[NODS] I think I know the place.
I'll head over there after I deal
with Ashish and see what I can
find. In the meantime, go enjoy
your day. Happy Holi.

EXT. CITY STREET - MOMENTS LATER

Mindy and the gang walk along storefronts.

MINDY

Finally! You're gonna love this.

FRED

But we've got a mystery on our
hands...

MINDY

No, we had a mystery on our hands
that we put in Swati's. Now the
only thing on our hands is --

They round a corner to find a massive Holi celebration.
LOCALS toss powders everywhere. It's a mess of color.

MINDY

Holi!

Mindy sprouts a massive smile and the gang's jaws drop.

DAPHNE
It's beautiful.

SCOOBY
It's amazing.

FRED
It's everywhere.

MINDY
Yeah, that's the point.

FRED
I can tell them to keep it off my
shirt though, right? [OFF LOOKS]
Because it's white.

MINDY
[LAUGHS] You better change.

FRED
But all my shirts are white.

MINDY
All of them? Are you a ghost? Do
you not get dressed after Labor
Day? How do you eat spaghetti?

SHAGGY
[SIGHS] I used to eat spaghetti...

MINDY
Both of you stop. This is a fun day
and you're ruining it. Look how
happy everybody is.

RAJENDRA, a bald, elderly man, angrily waves a fist at them.

RAJENDRA
Stay off Rajendra's porch!

MINDY
[SIGHS] Okay, maybe not
everybody...

Rajendra shoos them from his door.

RAJENDRA
Off! Off! Rajendra doesn't want any
colors on his porch.

FRED
You and me both, pal. Any chance I
can come inside until this is over?

RAJENDRA

No! Go away.

VELMA

Do you have an issue with Holi?

RAJENDRA

Rajendra hates this day. Too messy.
Rajendra wishes some evil creature
would make it go away.

MINDY

Rajendra needs to stop using his
name in every sentence.

RAJENDRA

[PAUSE] Rajendra doesn't answer to
you.

Rajendra returns into his home and slams the door.

VELMA

That was odd.

FRED

Odd? He had a very valid concern.

MAN (O.S.)

Happy Holi!

Fred grabs Velma as a human shield as a motorcycle drives by.
The MEN aboard toss powder at them. Velma gets coated in
color, while Fred stays clean. He gives her a sheepish grin.

Rajendra opens the door.

RAJENDRA

The porch! What did Rajendra say?
Off! Off! Stay away!

He swipes at them with a broom. Mindy and the gang run off.

MINDY

Sorry!

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

EXT. VARIOUS - DAY

MONTAGE: Mindy, Velma, Scooby and Daphne gleefully toss colors in the air and at each other, buried amongst tons of other locals. Fred dives behind and blocks himself with human shields to avoid getting dirty.

MINDY
Happy Holi!

VELMA
Happy Holi!

Daphne thinks of a word and stops to write in her puzzle book. Colors fly by her in all directions. Scooby runs by and splatters colors on her face. She playfully chases after him.

Shaggy half-heartedly participates at first, but quickly gets into it and starts enjoying himself.

Scooby's drenched with water. Turning around he spots the source - an ELEPHANT. Atop of it, the monkey pokes his head up and laughs at Scooby. Angrily, Scooby prepares to run towards him, but the monkey has the elephant blast Scooby with another trunk full of water.

Through the sea of people, Shaggy spots Desh. His outfit is completely clean.

SHAGGY
Like, isn't that the gift shop guy?

FRED
How's he so clean? [TO DESH] Sir?
Sir!

Desh quickly runs away from them.

SHAGGY
Guess he's in a hurry.

Swati grabs Velma's arm. Mindy and the gang gather around.

SWATI
There you are! I've been looking everywhere for you. I checked out the studio and the place is a wreck. But I did find an interesting piece of evidence.

She hands Velma a guru bobblehead.

VELMA
A bobblehead?

SWATI

I think it's from a robbed tourist,
linking Vritra to these thefts
after all.

GUY (O.S.)

Hey! My wallet!

Ashish runs with the stolen wallet, directly into Swati's grasp. She pulls the wallet from his hand.

SWATI

Nice try. Looks like we'll be
visiting your mom again today.

ASHISH

No! Anything but that! I don't want
to get grounded!

Swati carries him off.

FRED

Sounds like we need to -- [DODGES
COLORS] -- set a trap.

MINDY

No... we make Swati deal with that
and keep having fun.

Vritra storms into the area and roars. Colorful smoke billowing out of him.

MINDY

[SIGHS] Seriously...

Vritra spots Mindy and the gang and charges towards them. They hurriedly run through the crowds, Fred continuing to swiftly avoid the colored powder everywhere.

EXT. HINDU TEMPLE - MOMENTS LATER

Mindy and the gang hurry to the entrance of an elaborate, golden temple. They pause momentarily to remove their shoes before entering. Vritra arrives and pauses, only to realize he's not wearing shoes.

INT. HINDU TEMPLE - CONTINUOUS

Silently, Vritra chases Mindy and the gang through various corridors and back and forth, across a hall, in a classic hallway chase gag.

EXT. HINDU TEMPLE - CONTINUOUS

As Mindy and the gang exit, they discover a massive pile of shoes where they removed theirs and hurriedly dig through to find theirs. Vritra exits and helps them look.

They locate their shoes and bolt, with Vritra unaware they've left until a few moments later.

EXT. ALLEY - MOMENTS LATER

Mindy and the gang run to a dead end. Cornered, Vritra closes in on the terrified group.

SHAGGY

[GULPS] Oh boy. This is it... And I never even got to have a last meal.

SCOOBY

[ANNOYED] I know. I know.

More colorful smoke emits from Vritra as he nears.

VELMA

Wait a minute... There's something off about this dangerous demon.

MINDY

What are you saying?

VELMA

I don't think Vritra's really Vritra.

MINDY

He's not real? Why were we running then?

SHAGGY

Because he's been chasing us!

MINDY

But it's only some guy in a costume, right?

The gang mulls it over and mumbles in agreement.

MINDY

So then what's he gonna do to us?

They glance at Vritra with devilish smiles. Vritra gets worried and runs.

As Mindy and the gang chase Vritra, the monkey trips Scooby. Scooby crashes into a bunch of trash cans, as the monkey laughs. Angrily, Scooby marches up to the monkey as it stands on some boards.

SCOOBY

Think that's funny?

The monkey can't stop laughing and nods. Scooby smiles and stomps a foot down on the opposite end of the board the monkey's standing on. The monkey's launched through the air.

As Vritra nears a marketplace, the monkey, screeching through the air, lands on his face and startles him. Without paying attention to where he's going, Vritra crashes into some of the market stands, trapping himself.

Mindy and the gang gather around Vritra.

MINDY

That worked out conveniently.

VELMA

Jinkies! I've got it!

MINDY

You know who it is?

VELMA

No, I know what to give my dad!
[OFF LOOKS] This Vritra mask.
[THEN] But yes, I also know who it is.

MINDY

All right, then let's see who the dude behind this really is.

Mindy pulls the head off Vritra, revealing Desh.

EVERYONE

The gift shop guy?

VELMA

Exactly. He's been using Vritra as a cover to rob tourists coming to the area. And since his gift shop is a popular tourist stop, he knew exactly who to target.

VELMA (CONT'D)

I first got suspicious when we saw him near the Holi celebration without any colors on his clothes, but it was the bobblehead and smoke that were the clues which really pointed in his direction.

FRED

Smoke?

VELMA

Yes. I noticed all the colorful smoke coming from Vritra matched what the dust looked like that Scooby blew out when he got powder in his nose. And the color of it switched between the three unique colors that he was selling only in his gift shop.

A police car arrives and Swati hurriedly gets out.

SWATI

Got your call and -- whoa! Looks like you did my job for me.

MINDY

You're slacking off, Swati. It was the gift shop guy.

SWATI

Gift shop guy? That's Desh Kapoor. Long time crook. Convicted robber. Ashish's dad.

MINDY

Busy guy.

SHAGGY

[GASPS] Did he, like, give me my food allergy too?

DESH

That's not how allergies work.

SHAGGY

Then I don't understand what happened. I've never been allergic to anything but lentils.

MINDY

Shaggy, lentils are a pretty major ingredient in vadas. The snack you and Scooby ate earlier today.

SHAGGY
Lentils are food?

MINDY
What did you think they were?

SHAGGY
That stuff in the laundry. That's
why I never wash my clothes.

Mindy takes a step away from Shaggy.

SWATI
[TO DESH] Let's get you back to the
station. Your scheme's over.

DESH
But I would've gotten away with it
if it weren't for... that monkey!

Much to Scooby's frustration, the monkey proudly takes a bow.

DAPHNE
[GASPS] Tree dwelling mammal.
[WRITING] Monkey! It's finished! I
did it!

Daphne tosses her puzzle book aside and pulls out a bag of
colored powder.

DAPHNE
Happy Holi!

She throws her powder directly at Fred, coating him in it.

FRED
Daphne!

Everybody laughs.

SCOOBY
Scooby-Dooby--

The MONKEY jumps on Scooby's head and screeches next to his
head. Scooby flinches.

END OF SHOW